MINUTES: Greene County Electoral Board Canvass Tuesday, November 9, 2022

The Greene County Electoral Board canvass meeting for the November 8, 2022 mid-term and special elections was held at the office of the Director of Elections at 32 Stanard Street in Stanardsville, Virginia on November 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Deborah Turck, at 1:05 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Deborah Turck, Chair Roberta Culbertson, Secretary Brian O'Regan, Member

Jennifer Lewis-Fowler, Director of Elections

Sarah Ratcliff, Chair, Democratic Party of Greene County

Ed Yensho, member of Greene County Republican Party Committee: letter from Chair provided

### **Preliminaries**

The Chair set out the process for the conduct of the canvass. Two conditions preclude completing the canvass or provisional ballot review until Monday, November 14, 2022.

- 1. Due to the November 11, 2022 holiday, the deadline for mail-in ballots to be received is on Monday, November 14, 2022 at noon.
- 2. Same-day registration will require several days for all new voter data to be entered into VERIS. Cross-checking to ensure that no same day registrations were completed for more than one locality cannot be completed until this is done.

The Chair of the Electoral Board, guided by the facts as presented by the Director of Elections, announced that all remaining mail-in and provisional ballots, including those from same-day registration, would be reviewed, and the final election certification completed, on Monday, November 14, 2022 beginning at 2:00 pm. The Election Canvass is in recess until then.

The Statement of Results from each precinct except the Central Absentee Precinct were reviewed and tallied by the Board. Every precinct was complete with no errors. Necessary forms were completed for the Director of Elections.

#### November 14, 2022 Meeting

Plans for the final canvass meeting were established based upon the Director of Elections' administrative process: CAP: The votes of the Central Absentee Precinct: those received post-election but mailed by election day, those received during early voting, and all absentee votes, will be reviewed and certified. Write-in votes from Stanardsville Town will be tallied. Provisional ballots: the Board will review same-day registrations (cast as provisional ballots) against the VERIS records to ensure there were no double votes. At this time, all other provisional ballots will also be reviewed for inclusion in the vote count or rejection due to cause.

Those who voted provisional ballots will be allowed to attend the meeting, as are Democratic and Republican party chairs or their representatives, according to the **Code of Virginia** 24.2-653(B).

This ended Canvass business until the next meeting on November 14, 2022.

# Special Informational Closed Meeting—Unrelated to Canvass

The Chair, requested by the Director of Elections, made a motion to enter a necessary closed meeting at 4:00 pm in accordance with **Code of Virginia** FOIA statute 2.2-3711: "Closed meetings authorized for certain limited purposes." The purpose of this closed session was to discuss matters related to: "Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel..." as authorized in Virginia FOIA statute 2.2-3711 Section A paragraph 8. The motion was seconded by Brian O'Regan and approved by voice vote.

The Chair moved to re-open the meeting and the Board agreed by voice vote at 4:00 pm.

## **Open Meeting**

Returning to the open meeting at 4:00 pm, the Chair asked for certification by individual members that only matters named as the purpose of the meeting were discussed during the closed meeting. All Board members certified the content of the meeting.

No action was taken.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

C. O'Rega

Respectfully Submitted,

Roberta Culbertson, Secretary

Approved:

Debbie Turck, Chair

Roberta Culbertson, Secretary

Brian O Regan, Vice-Chair